



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

SALVADOR HUIZAR,

Defendant.

CR No. 2:22-cr-00471-SPG

I N F O R M A T I O N

[18 U.S.C. § 1001(a)(2): Making
False Statements]

The United States Attorney charges:

[18 U.S.C. § 1001(a)(2)]

A. THE FEDERAL INVESTIGATION

At times relevant to this Information:

1. The Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI") and the United States Attorney's Office ("USAO") were conducting a federal criminal investigation into public corruption throughout the City of Los Angeles (the "City") related to multiple suspected "pay-to-play" bribery schemes (the "Federal Investigation"), a matter within the jurisdiction of the executive branch of the government of the United States, namely, the FBI and the USAO. The Federal Investigation was investigating multiple City officials, including defendant SALVADOR HUIZAR's brother, Jose Huizar, then-Councilmember for Council

1 District 14 in Los Angeles, for soliciting and accepting bribes as
2 part of the "pay-to-play" scheme, including in the form of large
3 amounts of cash, and for money laundering related to the cash bribes,
4 among other things.

5 2. Between at least November 26, 2013, and August 22, 2018,
6 upon Jose Huizar's request, defendant SALVADOR HUIZAR accepted
7 envelopes of cash from Jose Huizar on at least 20 occasions. In
8 exchange, defendant SALVADOR HUIZAR contemporaneously wrote checks,
9 or facilitated electronic payments from defendant SALVADOR HUIZAR's
10 own bank account, to either Jose Huizar directly or to pay Jose
11 Huizar's expenses in the same amounts as the cash provided by Jose
12 Huizar. On multiple occasions, defendant SALVADOR HUIZAR asked Jose
13 Huizar where the cash came from, and Jose Huizar told defendant
14 SALVADOR HUIZAR it was better that defendant SALVADOR HUIZAR did not
15 know the source of the cash.

16 B. FALSE STATEMENTS IN JANUARY 30, 2020 FBI AND USAO INTERVIEW

17 3. On or about January 30, 2020, in Los Angeles County, within
18 the Central District of California, in a matter within the
19 jurisdiction of the executive branch of the government of the United
20 States, namely, the FBI and USAO, defendant SALVADOR HUIZAR knowingly
21 and willfully made materially false statements and representations to
22 the FBI and USAO knowing that these statements and representations
23 were untrue. Specifically, on multiple occasions, defendant SALVADOR
24 HUIZAR stated that Jose Huizar gave cash to defendant SALVADOR HUIZAR
25 only because Jose Huizar owed defendant SALVADOR HUIZAR that sum of
26 money and that Jose Huizar only gave defendant SALVADOR HUIZAR cash
27 on a later unspecified date after defendant SALVADOR HUIZAR first
28 gave Jose Huizar a check. In fact, as defendant SALVADOR HUIZAR then

1 knew, Jose Huizar already had the cash for defendant SALVADOR HUIZAR
2 and would give it to defendant SALVADOR HUIZAR at the same time
3 defendant SALVADOR HUIZAR provided the check.

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